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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From Wedneſday November 29th. to Friday December 1ſt. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. PRAY, *give me your Opinion, of the two Senſes, of the* 28th Verſe, *of the* 105th Pſalm. *In the* Bible *'tis*, He ſent Darkneſs and made it Dark, and they Rebelled not againſt his Word. *In the* Common-Prayer, He ſent Darkneſs and it was Dark, and they were not Obedient to his Word. *Theſe to me ſeem* Pugnantia. *Pray, if you can, Reconcile them; In the* Hebrew, *the Words are,* וַיְמַר אֶת־דְּבָרָיו וְלֹא שָׂרְחוּ חֹשֶׁךְ וַיַּחְשֵׁךְ *and in the* Greek, Ἐξαπέστειλε, καὶ ἐσκότασεν, καὶ παρεπίκραναν τοὺς λόγους αὐτοῦ. *Inſert your Opinion in your next Paper, and you will Oblige,*

Your moſt Obedient Servant, J. B.

A. The former of theſe Tranſlations is according to the *Hebrew*, the other to the *Greek*, *Syriack*, *Arabick*, *Æthiopick* and *Vulgar Latin*. The *Hebrew* in all Copies is acknowledged to Read, מָרוּ וְלֹא *and they provoked not*, that is, *diſobeyed not*: And ſo the Words muſt be applicable to *Moſes* and *Aaron*, who in Obedience to God's Command, proceeded couragiouſly from one Miracle to another, notwithſtanding the Threatnings of *Pharaoh* and the *Egyptians*. But then how ſhall we reconcile this with the LXXII, and other Verſions, which aſſert directly the contrary? Some have attempted to do this, by ſuppoſing that the Words of the *Hebrew* ought to be taken Interrogatively, *and did not they provoke?* And that the Interrogative ה is left out in וְלֹא by an *Elipſis*, of which they cite ſeveral Inſtances in the *Hebrew* Text. For conſiſtently with this the *Greeks* expreſs the Thing by a ſimple Aſſertion, *they did provoke*, thereby applying the Words to *Pharaoh* and the *Egyptians* (for to *Moſes* and *Aaron* in this Senſe they cannot be) who perſiſted in their Diſobedience after all the Miracles that were wrought before them. But Dr. *Hammond*, and ſome other Commentators, think the Difference may be more plauſibly reconciled by ſuppoſing that the true Original Reading of the LXXII, was οὔτε *neither*, which as it is the exact rendring of וְלֹא *and not*, ſo it is very near to ὅτι, which ſome Copies now have, though indeed the *Vatican* and many others Read, καὶ παρεπίκραναν, &c. And from this Light but Ancient, Corruption of their Copy, the other Tranſlations have it, which conſequently muſt be Reformed by the Original

Q. Gentlemen, *Having hitherto ſent your* Britiſh Apollo's *beyond Sea, where they found good Reception, but Reading your Paper of the* 10th *Inſtant, I am amaz'd to ſee what a Black Character you are pleaſed ſo liberally to beſtow upon the* Calviniſts, *and place them under the Unbelievers (as the Queſtion is ſtated there) pray, be pleaſed to inſert in your next, where and in which of their Books this Doctrin relating to Infants dying unbaptiſed, is expreſſed or taught, for I never found them ſo to Believe, but to the contrary, as well in* Germany *as* Holland, *as appears by ſeveral Books of theirs in Print, of which I have ſtill ſome with me, to teſtify that you are in their behalf wrong informed, in expectation of an Anſwer, either Publick or Private, and pardoning my Boldneſs.*

I reſt, Gentlemen,

Your Humble Servant, Jan Neander.

A. It is the avowed Opinion of the *Calviniſts*, that Original Sin deſerves the Puniſhment of Senſe, or the Eternal Torments of Hell Fire; ſo that many Children dying in their Infancy are Condemned thereto. This, we again declare, is the common Opinion of their Doctors with Relation

to the Children of Infidels dying in their Infancy, for which we need produce no Teſtimonies, for they themſelves will not diſown it. But ſome of them, particularly *Paræus*, *Zanchius*, *Perkins* and *Hildeſham*, have proceeded much farther, not only condemning to Everlaſting Fire, the Children of Unbelievers, but alſo aſſerting in expreſs Terms, that the difference of Election and Reprobation takes place even with reſpect to the Children of the Faithful, ſo that ſome of theſe dying in their Infancy, whether Baptized or no are caſt into Hell. Others indeed of them are not ſo frank and open in their Aſſertions, but diſguiſe their true Sentiments with ambiguous Expreſſions, tho' at the bottom they mean the ſame thing. But whether the Puniſhment be applied to the Children of Infidels only, or extended alſo to ſome of the Faithfull, the opinion is abſurd and repugnant to Scripture and reaſon, as we have before proved.

Q. Gentlemen, *I deſire the Solution of the two following Geometric Problems*, viz. 1ſt. *How to conſtruct a Rectangle Similar to a given one, in a given Ratio thereto* 2d. *How to make a Triangle, having any given Ratio, to a given one, with a given Altitude. If you will pleaſe to add the Theorems from which theſe Practiſes are deriv'd, you will lay a further Obligation, upon*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. The Conſtruction of the firſt Problem is eaſily found out Synthetically, by enlarging or diminiſhing the given Rectangle, according to the given Ratio; which how to do, ſee *Coroll.* 1. *Prop.* 20. *Lib.* 6. *Euclid. Element*, Publiſhed by *Barrow*. An Arithmetical Solution of it may be had thus. The Problem being in Effect no more than to find out a Rectangle whoſe Area and proportion of the Sides are given, call the *Area aa*, *Ratio* of the Sides as *b* to *c*, the one ſide *x*, and the other $\frac{aa}{x}$. Then $b, c :: x. \frac{aa}{x}$, and $cx = \frac{baa}{x}$, therefore by Reduction $xx = \frac{baa}{c}$, and conſequently $x = \sqrt{\frac{baa}{c}}$. In the Second Problem there is no farther Difficulty than what may be eaſily found out by *Prop.* 44. *Lib.* 1. *Elem. Euc.*

Q. Gentlemen, *I had always a great Veneration for your Ingenious Society, and thought it an Ornament to our Country, being of ſo great Uſe, Benefit and Inſtruction to Mankind, but now begin to be much concerned for your Honor, being you took upon you not long ago, to fix the Period of this doubtful War, on a Queſtion ſent you for your Opinion thereon. And but lately in the Preface to one of your Papers, you were pleaſed to ſay you had a ſpeedy Peace in view; I deſire to know if you retain the ſame Sentiments ſtill; for in my poor Opinion, every thing tends to a wider Breach than ever, and a more furious War than has been yet, and did appear ſo before you inſerted your laſt Opinion, as above.*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. Notwithſtanding the confuſed Accounts we have of Affairs in *Spain*, we are ſtill of Opinion, that a Peace is near at Hand. The Rhodomontado's of *France* nothing diſcourage our hopes thereof. What we have from *Paris*, is ſo prepoſterous and ridiculous, that we have Reaſon thence to believe their Affairs have a worſe Face by far than they give out, had they not, there wou'd be no occaſion to tell ſo many notorious and abſurd Lies, as have been often ſufficiently confuted. If King *Charles* keeps his Footing in *Spain* this Winter, as we ſee no Reaſon as yet to Queſtion it. He will have ſufficient Aſſiſtance by the Spring to compleat his Enterprize; nor can it rationally be ſuppoſed, that the *French* will then continue her aid, ſince before ſhe was forced to decline it, to defend her own Territories, and certainly ſhe is much more obliged to it now than before, having loſt ſo much more Ground, ſince her Retreat from *Spain*. We have yet farther Reaſon to hope it, becauſe the King of *France* has declared, he'll now make War in *EARNEST*, and whoever wou'd underſtand him, it muſt be by the contraries, as we have experienc'd when pretended to make a Peace in Earneſt. We have alſo ſome further views, from a Card which will, in a little time be Trump'd (as yet a great Secret) as ſoon as one of the greateſt Men in the World, is returned from his Expedition.

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POEMS.

Q. APOLLO, *Whoſe Councels*
Are allways in Seaſon;
Since all your Solutions
Are back'd with ſtrong reaſons:
But in our Love-matters
Your Thoughts are Divine
Since in every Notion,
The Whole God *does Shine.*
Pray, ſolve me this Query,
Which tho' ſomething nice,
I doubt not your anſwer,
Will come in a trice.
Since every Woman,
(Whatever her Fame,
For Wit or for Beauty,
Is ſtill but the ſame)
I mean for the Uſes,
For which ſhe's deſign'd
And that's Propagation
Of Humane Kind:
And ſince ſome by Beauty,
Their Conqueſt obtain,
And others by Wit,
More Deſpotickly reign;
Pray why ſhou'd the Charms,
Of the Laſt more ſecure;
More ſtrongly Inſnare us,
And longer endure,
More raiſe expectations,
To pleaſure our wiſhes,
Since both are but one,
And not divers Diſhes.

A. Tho'

A. Tho' *Beauty* with ſure,
Irreſiſtible Darts,
Aſſaults by a Siege,
Or Surprizes our Hearts;
It does not its Victories'
Allways maintain,
For oft we'er reſtor'd,
To Poſſeſſion again;
But *Wit* has a Power,
So Sacred, and Great,
When once it aſſaults,
It ſecures us like Fate:
In vain 'tis we Strive,
To regain Liberty;
Since th' more we attempt,
More intangled we be.
Nor any for this
Our Diſcretion will blame;
For tho', *as a Woman*,
The Diſh be the ſame:
Yet that is by *Wit*,
So variouſly dreſs'd,
That it muſt be a Number,
Of Diſhes confeſs'd.
At ev'ry encounter,
It gives freſh alarms,
And ſhews always New,
By its ſucceeding Charms.
But Beauty and *Wit*,
When together th ey're joyn'd,
They like an Inchantment,
Our Faculties bind.

Q APOLLO, *I've heard,*
(Tho' the Truth I much feard)
All Proverbs both Modern and Old,
You can When you pleaſe,
Reſolve with much eaſe.
And their Riſe and their Morals unfold.

I'll try you with this
(And a hard one it is)
Why Cowards (not much unlike Muttons)
When e'er they appear,
O'erwhelm'd with fear,
Their Breaches are ſaid to make Buttons.

How Fear can prevail
So much on the Tail,
That they who before might be bound.
Affail'd in ſuch Faſhion,
By that Scurvey Paſſion,
On the ſudden are Laxative found?

The French *wou'd they own*
What of't they have known,
Wou'd evidence this to be true?
Perhaps if as well,
The Right you wou'd tell,
It might ſometime happen to you.

A. Wou'd we condeſcend,
With ſuch to contend,
And uſe our *Satyrical* Rod;
Your caſe wou'd appear,
Much Fowler than Fear
For rudely accoſting the *God.*

But alas, your ſurmiſe,
We only deſpiſe;
The reproach of an ill-manner'd Clown,
Tho' with Malice fraught,
And ſcurvily Taught,
Can't Merit ſo much as our Frown.

We therefore the Queſtion,
Will Solve, you inſiſt on:
'Tis cauſe *Sphincter Ani* (Pray, mind me)
Is relaxed by Fear,
By which you appear,
In that naſty Pickle we find ye.

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SIR,

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Which is all from Yours, &c.

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